

# **National Vaccine Advisory Committee**

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# Report from the Chair

- Minutes and follow up steps from September 2008 meeting.
- Review of current meeting agenda.
- NVAC Membership changes
- Consideration and possible adoption of the **“2008 State of the Program Report”**

# NVAC Meeting

## September 2008

### Minutes

- Minutes from September 2008 meeting reviewed and certified by chair and are posted on NVAC website
- Approval of September 2008 meeting minutes by NVAC

# NVAC Meeting

## September 2008

### Follow-up

- A matrix of identified action items from the September 2008 meeting has been created
  - Identify responsible agency/person
  - Track progress
  - Measure completion

# NVAC: Current Agenda (1)

- Report on update of National Vaccine Plan
- Report on status of external NVAC evaluation
- Updates on Vaccine Safety Working Group activities
- Discussion of fiscal impact of Vaccine Finance Working Group recommendations approved in September 2008
- Update on Adult Immunization Working Group

# NVAC: Current Agenda (2)

- Influenza update
- Discussion of pre-pandemic influenza vaccination policy
- Update on vaccine stockpile development
- Updates on vaccine innovation and development
- Agency updates

# NVAC: Membership (1)

- Thank you to four NVAC members who are serving for their final meeting
  - Dr. Jaime Fergie
  - Dr. Lance Gordon
  - Dr. Sharon Humiston
  - Dr. Charles Lovell

# NVAC: Membership (2)

- Two NVAC members who have reached the end of their term have been re-appointed for an additional year
  - Dr. Corrie Dekker
  - Dr. Andy Pavia

# NVAC: Membership (3)

- Committee membership nomination packages for new NVAC members have been received from the IOM.

# 2008 State of the National Vaccine Program Report

- Report written to comply with Section 2105(b)(4) of Title XXI of the Public Health Service Act
  - “identify annually for the Director of the Program the most important areas of government and non-government cooperation that should be considered in implementing section 2102, 2103”
- Report could be used by the Obama transition team to help inform them of the role of the NVP, NVPO, and NVAC, and NVAC’s recommendations for improvement.

# 2008 State of the National Vaccine Program Report

- Describes the successes of the current program:
  - High levels of coverage for traditional vaccines
  - Unprecedented number of new vaccines recommended
- Describes the continuing challenges:
  - Recurrence of disease (measles, Hib)
  - Vaccine Finance
  - Vaccine Safety and Parental Concerns
  - Adult Immunization
- Provides brief summaries in the Appendices of NVAC activities including Working Group reports and recommendations.

# 2008 State of the National Vaccine Program Report

## Recommendations

1. The Public Health Service (PHS) agencies in HHS should be placed administratively under the direction of the ASH.
2. The National Vaccine Program (NVP), lead by the ASH, should have the authority and be given the resources necessary to coordinate and direct the vaccine-related efforts of the PHS agencies.
3. The National Vaccine Plan should spell out the other steps necessary to achieve greater effectiveness for the NVP. The NVP should be evaluated on a regular basis. A process will be put into place to ensure a timely review of the National Vaccine Plan.
4. Steps should be taken to improve the effectiveness of the NVAC based on the pending evaluation report.

# 2008 State of the National Vaccine Program Report

## Recommendations

5. The NVPO and NVAC should develop methods to identify vaccination-related topics under consideration by other Federal agencies or advisory committees, to ensure that appropriate input by the NVAC can be given, and actions can be appropriately coordinated across agencies.
6. Acknowledging the broad reach of NVAC recommendations, many of which require legislative action to enact, the NVAC will work more closely with the NVPO, the director of the NVPO and the ASH, to ensure that its recommendations are appropriately considered and addressed.
7. Mechanisms should be put into place to assure inclusive, meaningful and ongoing input from a broad array of stakeholders to NVAC and all NVAC working groups.

# NVAC: Future meeting dates

- 2009
  - June 2-3
  - September 22-23
- 2010 (all tentative)
  - February 3-4
  - June 1-2
  - September 14-15